

Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019 7:00 pm, Winchester Hall, Frederick MD 21701 (3rd Floor Conference Room)

Commissioners Present: Annie Jones, Rosario Campos, Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Maura Page, Lois Jarman, Kimba Geen, Karen Czapanskiy Commissioners Absent: none

Guests: Athena Edsall, Melissa Atherholt, Desiree Tucker, Jean LaPadula, Heather Moreno, and Valerie Dougherty

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, a quorum was present.

I. Executive Committee Report

- a. Updates to bylaws these will be updated to model and use parallel language similar to the Human Relations Commission
- b. Summer intern: Jordan will be starting in June. She would like to focus on human trafficking and will help us focus on youth outreach
- c. Budget proposal update: County Executive recommended to the County Council that we will receive \$2,500 again for the upcoming fiscal year. We did find out that we were never actually given a check for the past grant year. Annie and Valerie are looking into this further to ensure we receive payment. It also is noted that Jessica Kent resigned in April as our treasurer. Valerie is submitting her application to serve again.
- d. Office space update: They are shifting around a lot of the space at the Sagner office. We will still have desk space that we will not have to share; however, we will have very limited storage space. We will need to reduce the amount of items we have. We will coordinate volunteers to help clean out the office space.
- e. Quarterly Financial Report: holding steady over the past 4 quarters. We are going to set up an auto bill pay for our phone bill for the next fiscal year.
- f. Date for annual retreat and planning meeting: will be held at Karen's this year on July 28^{th} from 10:00 AM -4:00 PM.



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II. Commission Business

a. Outreach

- Past Events
 - i. Valerie attended a presentation from The Community Foundation regarding the 2018 Human Needs Assessment. It would be beneficial to invite someone to come to a meeting to discuss this to the Commission.
- ii. Upcoming Events
 - i. Kimba shared that the Chamber of Commerce wants to work with us on a women's leadership group. The group is still in the very beginning stages.

b. Legislative

i. No updates. Lois did have a conversation with Karen Lewis-Young and she wanted to do an event for the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. There was discussion on a few ideas for a March 2020 event. A separate committee will need to be formed for planning. We will discuss this more at the July planning retreat.

c. SheLEADS

- i. Students are finalizing their surveys. They are bringing them to the session this upcoming Sunday.
- ii. The next sessions are May 19th and June 9th from 12:00-2:00 at CoWork.

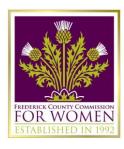
d. Human Trafficking

- Heather Moreno, from Heartly House, presented at the meeting. She
 focuses on human trafficking issues affecting Frederick County. She
 worked on the task force and wants to continue to work with the
 Commission and collaborate.
- ii. She does a lot of community outreach. She specifically goes to agencies and trains them on how to respond and interact with someone who might have been trafficked.
- iii. Heartly House just added human trafficking into their mission statement.
- iv. Training was recently provided to counselors through Frederick County Public Schools, nurses and behavior support specialists.
- v. Heather shared some of the resources and materials that they use when training agencies.

III. Commissioner/Guest Announcements

i. Maura: Fall Community Service Fair at Hood College will be held on September 12th.

Our Mission: To create a stronger community by addressing challenges and fostering unlimited opportunities for all women.



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- ii. Lois: Had the opportunity to view the film, "No Small Matter" at the Mental Health Association. It is not available for public viewing yet, but take the opportunity to see it when you can.
- iii. Karen: there has recently been an article released that there should be free pre-k education for children who were exposed to lead. She will email out the link.
- iv. Kimba: Come out to see "Calling Dr. Freud" at New Spire Arts on May 17th and May 18th.
- v. Lakshmi: It is National Women's Health Week during May 12th through May 19th.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm and followed by closed session for members.

Approval of new Commissioners for FCCFW membership

 The motion to vote to approve application for Commissioner for Valerie Dougherty was made by Annie and seconded by Lakshmi. The motion passed. Ms. Dougherty was recommended to the county for appointment.